

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Jal Shakti**  
**Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation**

Subject: Monthly summary for the month of January, 2020 in respect of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

**National Workshop and Review on Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)**

The National Workshop and Review for the Jal Shakti Abhiyan was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and was attended by Central Nodal Officers including Technical Officers appointed under JSA and allocated each of the 256 Water stressed districts. The daylong workshop began with an interactive session between the Minister for Jal Shakti and Sadhguru, founder of Isha Foundation. Sadhguru spoke about the spiritual and cultural importance of water conservation, and shared his experience of the different types of water conservation works undertaken by his organization. This was followed by a review meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary in the afternoon.

The Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) was managed by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with key Departments of the central government working in the water conservation sector, along with state governments, for an integrated approach to accelerate the implementation of water conservation interventions under various programs of the central and state governments. The campaign has delivered a significant increase in water conservation awareness, and has led to a spurt in the construction of related infrastructure. The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister made a presentation at the review, highlighting the preliminary impacts of the JSA on groundwater replenishment outcomes across identified sites in the 256 water stressed districts. The report - "Jal Shakti Abhiyan- Outcomes and Learning" was also released during the review meeting.

**Jal Jeevan Mission Tableaux awarded best Taleaux at 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day Parade**

The tableaux of Ministry of Jal Shakti during the 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day parade underlined the Government's new initiative Jal Jeevan Mission which aims at providing Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024 - 'Har Ghar Jal'. This, along with the tableaux of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) were awarded best Tablaux by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Defence on 28 January, 2020.

**Presentation on the SBM at the Ministerial Round Table discussion, Addis Ababa**

Secretary(DWS) attended the Ministerial Round table Discussion on 'Scaling Up Sanitation in Africa & Asia held on 20-21 January 2020, at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and made a presentation on the Swachh Bharat Mission, with a focus on the high-level political commitment and public financing for sanitation in India. The Ministerial Round table Discussion was hosted by Minister Seleshi Bekele, the Minister of Water, Irrigation, and Electricity of the Government of Ethiopia, and was facilitated by the World Bank Water Global Practice in collaboration with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

The discussion was inspired by the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen's (SBM-G) significant progress in reducing open defecation, much before the 2030 deadline of the

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for universal access to sanitation, through high level political leadership, public finance, people's participation and partnerships across society and levels of government. Many countries, specifically Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Kenya, shared much enthusiasm to adopt a similar approach in their countries to deliver universal access to improved sanitation.

Additionally, a meeting was held in Delhi with visiting African Journalists on 21st January, 2020. Details on India's Journey to ODF status was shared with them.

### **Workshop on ODF Sustainability**

A Workshop on ODF sustainability was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at Hotel Pride Plaza, Aerocity, New Delhi. More than 80 Collectors/DDC/CEO, Zilla Parishad from across the country participated in the Workshop. SBM Ambassador and actor Shri Amir Khan, gave away the Swachhata Darpan awards to DMs/DCs on the occasion.

### **Meeting of Expert Working Group on National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS)**

A meeting of the Expert Working Group on National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 at the DDWS office under chairmanship of Shri Amitabh Kundu. In the meeting, the progress of the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2019-20 and other related issues were discussed.

### **Fourth task force meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

The fourth meeting of the Task Force for JJM was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at New Delhi, where States shared their progress and status of piped water supply, and experts in the water sector shared their experience on various aspects of water relevant to the JJM, including water supply, groundwater recharge and wastewater reuse.

### **Monitoring of SBM-G**

Secretary(DWS) visited Lucknow on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and Jaipur on 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January to review the progress of Maharashtra and Rajasthan respectively on sustaining ODF and ensuring that no one is left behind. At these meetings, the Chief Secretary and Secretary(DWS) held joint video conferences with all District Collectors to appraise them of the importance of ensuring that ODF behaviours are sustained, and any potential gaps are filled on priority.

Video Conferences with CS and Secretary in-charge of Rural Sanitation of the States were organized on 03.01.20, 06.01.2020, 07.01.2020, 08.01.2020, 09.01.2020, 10.01.2020, 30.01.2020 & 31.01.2020 at the DDWS office to review progress against Left Out from Baseline (LOB), No one left behind (NOLB), and utilization of funds and performance incentive grants.